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A CALENDAR.

August.

1st.—5th.

6th. Transfiguration of our Lord. Read—St. Luke ix. 23—48.

7th.—9th.

10th. St. Laurence 258. Add verse to hymn as above.

Praise for the young St. Laurence, so pitiful to pain,
But who himself was tortured, through tyrant's lust of gain.
Alas! that heated iron bars should form the cruel bed
Of one who ever blessed the Lord until his spirit fled.

11th St. Clara 1253. Add verse to hymn as above.

We praise Thee for St. Clara, Assisi's noble maid,
Who laid aside her worldly rank and sought St. Francis' aid:
Founded a holy sisterhood and lived by rule austere,
Till called by heavenly voices to cease her penance here.

12th. James Russell Lowell died, 1891. Read the Vision of Sir Launfal or these extracts from it.

"Not only around our infancy
Doth heaven with all its splendours lie;
Daily, with souls that cringe and plot,
We Sinais climb and know it not.
Over our manhood bend the skies:
Against our fallen and traitor lives
The great winds utter prophecies:
With our faint hearts the mountain strives:
Its arms outstretched, the Druid wood
Waits with its *benedicite*:
And to our age's drowsy blood
Still shouts the inspiring sea."

"The voice that was calmer than silence said,
'Lo, it is I, be not afraid!'
In many climes, without avail,
Thou hast spent thy life for the Holy Grail;
Behold, it is here,—this cup which thou
Didst fill at the streamlet for Me but now;
This crust is My Body broken for thee,
This water, His Blood that died on the tree;
The Holy Supper is kept, indeed,
In whatso we share with another's need,
Not what we give, but what we share—
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three—
Himself, his hungering neighbour, and Me."

13th.—14th.

15th. Sir Walter Scott born, 1771. Read—

"Still, with vain fondness, could I trace
Anew, each kind familiar face
That brightened at our evening fire;
From the thatched mansion's grey-haired sire,
Wise without learning, plain and good,
And sprung of Scotland's gentler blood,
Whose eye in age, quick, clear, and keen,
Showed what in youth its glance had been;
Whose doom discording neighbours sought,
Content with equity unbought;
To him the venerable Priest,
Our frequent and familiar guest,
Whose life and manners well could paint
Alike the student and the saint;
Alas! whose speech too oft I broke
With gambol rude and timeless joke,
For I was wayward, bold, and wild,
A self-willed imp, a grandame's child;
But half a plague and half a jest
Was still endured, beloved, caressed.

From me, thus nurtured, dost thou ask
The classic poet's well-conned task?
Nay, Erskine, nay—on the wild hill
Let the wild heathbell flourish still;
Cherish the tulip, prune the vine,
But freely let the woodbine twine,
And leave untrimmed the eglantine." *Marmion.*

16th.

17th. Frederick the Great died, 1786. Read—

"Friedrich's Life-battle is fought out: instead of suffering and sore labour he is now at rest." . . . . . .

"Friedrich is by no means one of the perfect demigods, and there are various things to be said against him with good ground. To the last a questionable hero, with much in him which one could have wished not there, and much wanting which one could have wished. But there is one feature which strikes you at any early period of the enquiry, that in his way he is a Reality; that he always means what he speaks; grounds his actions, too, on what he recognizes for the truth; and, in short, has nothing whatever of the hypocrite or phantasm, which some readers will admit to be an extremely rare phenomenon." . . . . . .

"A Friedrich getting lonely enough, and the lights of his life going out around him, has but one sure consolation, which comes to him as compulsion withal and is not neglected, that of standing steadfast to his work, whatever the mood and posture be." . . . . . .

"'Let them bear in mind,' he ordered, 'that the least peasant, yea, what is still more, that even a beggar, is, no less than His Majesty, a human being, and one to whom due justice must be meted out.'" . . . . . .

"The king was visibly affected and said, 'You don't need to thank me; when my subjects fall into misfortune it is my duty to help them up again; for that reason am I here.'" . . . . . .

"A man adjusted to his hard circumstances, and bearing himself manlike and kinglike among them."

"Neglects nothing, great or small, while life yet is."—*Carlyle's "Frederick the Great."*

18th.—19th.

20th. St. Bernard 1153. Add verse to hymn as above.

Now praise we for a holy man, St. Bernard of Clairvaux,
Sincere, unwearied, eloquent, stern saint of long ago:
Who triumphed o'er temptations with rigid self-command,
And laboured both for God and men, with soul and mind and hand.

21st.—23rd.

24th. St. Bartholomew. Collect, Epistle and Gospel. See printed hymn.

25th. St. Louis 1270. Add verse to hymn as above.

Recall we that religious king, St. Louis just and true,
Beloved in France for virtues and gifts possessed by few:
Who made himself respected and feared by foreign powers,
And lived a life in harmony with his most sacred hours.

26th.—27th.

28th. St. Augustine 430. Read—Longfellow's "Ladder of St. Augustine."

29th.—30th.

31st. John Bunyan died, 1688. Read—

"By this time the pilgrims had a desire to go forward, and the shepherds a desire they should, so they walked together towards the end of the mountains. Then said the shepherds one to another, 'Let us here show the pilgrims the gate of the Celestial City, if they have skill to look through our perspective-glass.' The pilgrims then lovingly accepted the motion; so they had them to the top of a high hill called Clear, and gave them the glass to look."—*The Pilgrim's Progress.*

AUNT MAI'S BUDGET.

My Dear Children,—First of all, I must thank May Vernon, Dora and Maude Spielman, Edith and Hubert Fraser, for very carefully written papers on the swallow. The first three have sent little stories, and the others good accounts of a swallow's habits and life. I would advise Dora and May to send their tales to Lady Marjorie Gordon, the Editress of *Wee Willie Winkie*, Duncan and Son, Edinburgh. If any of my nieces have not already begun to take in this little Magazine, I can strongly recommend it. It only costs a half-penny a month. You will find many delightful riddles to guess, and many useful occupations suggested when you are not in school. Lady Marjorie is only twelve years old, and I know she will be very happy if other little girls help to make her Magazine a great success. You will all be away this month, spending happy holidays in the country, or at the sea-side. Will you write and tell me what you do on the 15th August, what you see, and what you collect?

Your loving

Auntie Mai.

Our Little Cooks.

Fruit Salad. 1 banana, 2 plums, 1 doz. blackberries, 1 orange, and any other fruit that is in season. Cut the orange away from the skin, so that no white rind is left, and then divide it into quarters. Slice the plums, blackberries and banana. Put a layer into dish and sprinkle with soft sugar, then another layer, and so on. Squeeze the juice of a lemon over all and let it stand 15 minutes.

Seed Buns. $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. flour, 2 oz. lard, 2 oz. butter, 1 dessert spoonful baking powder, $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. carraway seeds, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. raw sugar. Mix all the above together in a basin to a stiff paste with milk. Bake on greased tin in lumps for quarter hour.